

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER**

**RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FOR BRAND NAME**

I recommend that NASA, Stennis Space Center (SSC) solicit for Eagle Portable Gas Monitors. This requirement is considered to be a commercial item. It is anticipated that this requirement will be provided under a fixed price purchase order. The estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is one week after receipt of order.

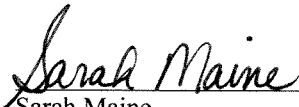
This recommendation is made pursuant to FAR 13.106-1(b), for the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source ( e.g. brand name). A sole source synopsis was issued and multiple vendors responded indicating their ability to provide the product. Therefore, it has been determined that multiple vendors can provide the required Eagle Portable Gas Monitors. The Eagle Monitors are manufactured by RKI Instruments, Inc. and are available directly from RKI and other vendors.

SSC requires the ability for testing of pressurized flammable gases. The portable gas monitors (meters) are required for O2 and flammables (hydrogen) detection. The Eagle Portable Gas Monitor from RKI Instruments is the only meter that has successfully produced accurate readings of hydrogen with a helium background. Research on available meters was conducted over several months and concluded in April of 2010. The Eagle Monitor was the only meter on the market that will satisfy the SSC requirement.

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is FAR 6.302-1 and 10 U.S.C. 2304 (c)(1), as there is only one brand item and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

Pursuant to NFS 1805.207 and 1804.570, and FAR 5.201, a brand name synopsis will be published on the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) and the Government wide point of entry (GPE) (FedBizOpps) expressing our intent to issue a contract for this requirement. This will be a combined synopsis/solicitation pursuant to FAR 12.603. All responses received will be addressed.

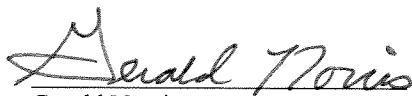
I certify that the anticipated price to the Government will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure that it is fair and reasonable prior to award. In addition, I do hereby certify that the support data under my cognizance that are included in this justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Sarah Maine  
Contract Administrator

9/10/10  
Date

**APPROVE/DISAPPROVE:**

I hereby accept the above stated recommendation and determine that the circumstances of the contract action deem only brand reasonably available and certify that the anticipated costs to the Government will be determined fair and reasonable prior to award. This certification is supported by the sole source synopsis posted on September 1, 2010 and the responses from industry.

  
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Gerald Norris  
Contracting Officer

9-10-10  
Date